

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment seeks to place this application in condition for allowance. In This application, Applicants present new claims which set forth novel and unobvious features of Applicants' invention.

Amendments to the Specification and Claim for Priority

Applicants have amended the specification to identify the continuation or related U.S. application data. Applicants claim priority to Application Serial No. 08/545,292 filed October 19, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,748,914. Applicants claim such priority through Application No. 09/561,868, filed on May 1, 2000 (pending), which is a continuation of Application No. 09/480,767, filed on January 10, 2000; which is a continuation of Application No. 08/979,402 (now U.S. Patent 6,122,688), filed on November 26, 1997; which is a division of application No. 08/545,292 filed on October 19, 1995(now U.S. Patent 5,748,914). Accordingly, Applicants claim the benefit of the filing date of Application Serial No. 08/545,292 -- i.e., October 19, 1995. No new matter has been added.

In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to correct spelling and typographical errors. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants submit new claims 43-78. No new matter has been added. The new claims are fully supported by the original specification. Examples of support for new claims 43-67 may be found in the original specification at page 13, line 10-16, page 14


lines 9-18; page 15, line 4 to page 16, line 20; page 19, lines 12-18; page 22, line 17 to page 23, line 2; and Figures 6, 8, 9, 12 and 13.

CONCLUSION

Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination of this application. Applicants submit that all of the claims present patentable subject matter which definitely set forth the novel and unobvious features of the invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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